

P-3007/NA-89-76 ORDER GRANTING TIME EXTENSION

BEFORE THE MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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In the Matter of the Minnesota
Independent Equal Access
Corporation's Application for a
Certificate of Public
Convenience and Necessity

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PROCEDURAL HISTORY

On January 10, 1991, the Commission issued its ORDER GRANTING CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE EQUAL ACCESS SERVICE in the above-captioned matter. In that Order, the Commission granted a certificate of authority to the Minnesota Independent Equal Access Corporation (MIEAC) to provide centralized equal access service in Minnesota.

On January 30, 1992, the Commission issued its ORDER SETTING INTERIM RATES AND ESTABLISHING PROCEDURE TO SET FINAL RATES. In that Order the Commission required parties who wished to file supplementary comments on MIEAC's final rates to do so by March 12, 1992. Interested parties who wished to file reply comments were required to do so by April 2, 1992.

On March 4, 1992, US WEST Communications, Inc. (US WEST or the Company) requested an extension of the deadline in which to file comments regarding MIEAC's rates. US WEST explained that a large portion of MIEAC's costs arises from its leases for transmission capacity for the transport network. At the time of US WEST's request, MIEAC had only provided information on three transmission capacity leases. US WEST stated that it was necessary to review information on the remainder of MIEAC's leases before the Company could file meaningful comments.

US WEST's request for a time extension came before the Commission for consideration on March 10, 1992.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

The Commission finds that US WEST's request for a time extension is reasonable and should be granted. Neither US WEST nor any other party can provide useful comments on MIEAC's final rates until MIEAC has supplied information on a major cost factor. No party opposed the requested time extension.

The Commission will grant US WEST's requested time extension for all commenting parties.

ORDER

1. Supplementary comments by any party on MIEAC's final rates shall be filed within two weeks after MIEAC provides the final outstanding documentation on transmission capacity leases.
2. Reply comments by any party shall be filed within 34 days after MIEAC provides the final outstanding documentation on transmission capacity leases.
3. MIEAC shall notify the Commission and all parties in writing on the date it provides the final outstanding documentation on the transmission capacity leases.
4. This Order shall become effective immediately.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

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Executive Secretary

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